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8th District Newsletter

November 2017

Happy Thanksgiving!

To the residents of the 8th District—I am sending out my newsletter early this month because the Milwaukee County Board is seeking YOUR INPUT at our upcoming public meeting on the 2018 budget. I would invite you to join me this **Monday Oct. 30 at 6:30PM at the Marcus Performing Arts Center**. I have included the flyer with additional details on the next page. I will be also making myself available after the hearing for one on one conversation if you would like to come speak with me. I look forward to hearing all of your voices as the Board comes together to pass a budget responsive to the people of Milwaukee County.

Blessings,

David



Sup. Sartori presents Ms. Michele St. Marie Boelkow with a citation for winning the South Side Business Club Person of the Year Award.



Supervisor presents Associated Bank with a citation for being recognized with the St. Francis 2017 Industry and Commerce Award.

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

ON THE
2018 RECOMMENDED BUDGET



MONDAY,
OCTOBER 30, 2017
6:30 P.M. - DOORS AT 6:00 P.M.

MARCUS CENTER
FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS
929 N. WATER ST. - MILWAUKEE

FREE PARKING in the Marcus Center structure,
including spaces for persons with disabilities.

*One block north of the Marcus Center,
between E. State St. and E. Highland Ave.*

**A skywalk crosses State St. from the
parking structure to the Marcus Center.**

*Access skywalk from parking structure
stairs or elevator in southeast corner.*



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Center directly. The GreenLine and
Route 33 provide nearby stops.**

**For more info, please call
(414) 344-6711 or visit ridemcts.com.**

CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE

2017 Public Safety Referendum



VOTE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Voters will be asked whether to approve an increase in the tax levy to maintain current paramedic services and hire two additional police officers to fulfill all of the department's response and preventative responsibilities.

WHY DO WE NEED A REFERENDUM NOW?



South Milwaukee must act now if it is to **maintain its critical fire, paramedic and police services** that are at risk from a growing budget gap.



The challenge is that while the need and **program costs continue to rise, current funding sources are stagnant or decreasing.**



Because of state-imposed levy limits, South Milwaukee must **ask approval from taxpayers through a referendum to increase the tax levy** to fund these services.



As part of a community-wide survey in the Spring of 2017, **South Milwaukee residents voiced support for seeking additional funding to maintain these critical public safety services**, with the majority supporting a referendum to raise the property tax levy.

WHAT WILL IT MEAN IF A MAJORITY OF VOTERS VOTE "YES"?

If the referendum is approved, the City of South Milwaukee will be able to **maintain paramedic services and add two police officers**. The annual property tax would increase by \$52 per year (\$35 going toward paramedics and \$17 going toward police) for every \$100,000 of property value, starting with the bills issued in December 2017.

Public Safety Referendum \$616,641 Per Year (Increase of \$52 per \$100,000 of property value)		
Property Value	Estimated Tax Increase	
	Per Year	Per Month
\$100,000 of property value	\$52.00	\$4.33
\$150,000 of property value	\$78.00	\$6.50
\$200,000 of property value	\$104.00	\$8.66

WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF A MAJORITY VOTE "NO" AND THE REFERENDUM FAILS?

An already extremely challenging city budget will be made worse, as the City is faced with difficult decisions to address the growing budget gap and will likely have to make additional cuts to current services — potentially including public safety:



A reduction in paramedic staff could **double or even quadruple emergency response times**, which is directly related to patient outcomes.



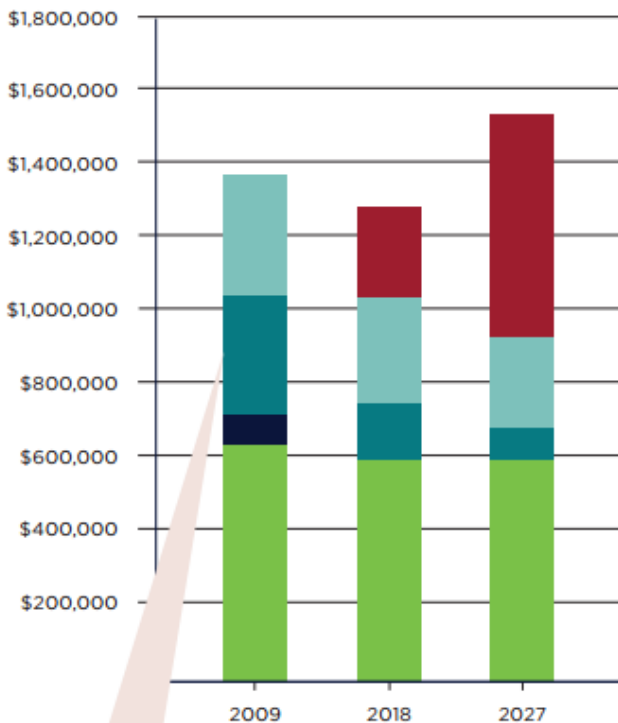
The City would be **unable to hire additional police officers** to meet the growing community need.



PARAMEDIC FUNDING CHALLENGE

The City's paramedic service, which is provided by the fire department, has been a major asset for the community, enabling rapid-response for residents facing emergencies and medical issues. The City must take action this year to secure alternative funding that will preserve high-quality paramedic service.

SOUTH MILWAUKEE PARAMEDIC/ALS REVENUE SOURCES



While **city funding** has stayed relatively consistent, **county funding has declined** and will continue to decrease, leading to a **growing budget shortfall** starting in 2018 that will double by 2027.

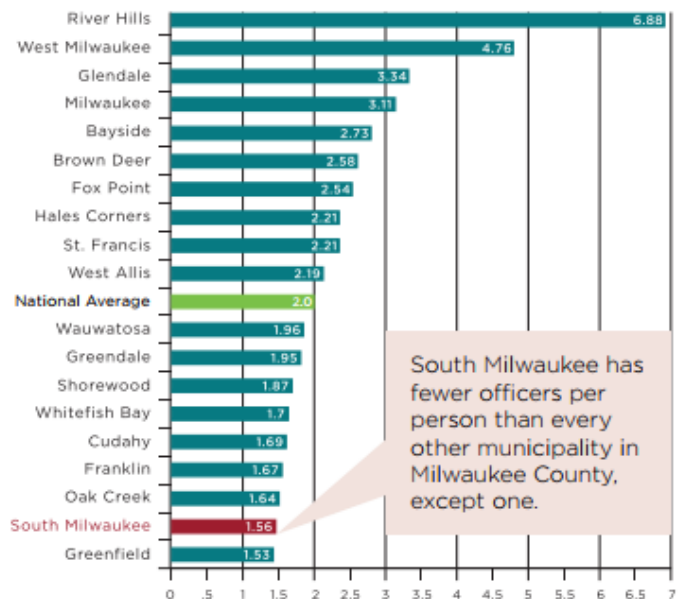


POLICE SERVICES CHALLENGE

Over the past 20 years, the South Milwaukee Police Department's **staffing level has decreased, despite a greater demand** for officer time due to increases in crime and drug-related incidents including burglaries, thefts and heroin overdoses.

South Milwaukee is well **below the local and national average** for the number of officers based on population.

NUMBER OF OFFICERS PER 1,000 POPULATION



MAKE AN INFORMED DECISION AND LEARN MORE

REFERENDUM INFORMATION OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, October 12 (5-7 p.m. at City Hall)
Monday, October 30 (5-7 p.m. at City Hall)

VOTE



VOTE NOVEMBER 7

ABSENTEE VOTING: October 23–November 3

(in person at City Hall)

Monday–Thursday 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Friday 7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

Deadline to request an absentee ballot by mail: **November 2, 4:00 p.m.**

CITY OF SOUTH MILWAUKEE 2017 PUBLIC SAFETY REFERENDUM



www.smwi.org/2017-referendum



referendum@smwi.org



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Supervisor Sartori attends the annual banquet of the Polish National Alliance held in Franklin, WI.

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Fall Leaf Collection Has Begun!

The South Milwaukee Street Department has begun the collection of fall leaves. We ask that residents place leaves ready for disposal in the curb/gutter for collection until November 15th. Please do not add any yard waste or plants to leaf piles, this material needs to be disposed of directly at the Self Deposit Station (SDS). Residents who wish to dispose of their leaves directly at SDS, will have the user fee of \$2.00 waived (only available until November 15th). The user fee still applies if disposing of any other yard waste and/or garbage. The SDS is located at 1106 Blake Ave.

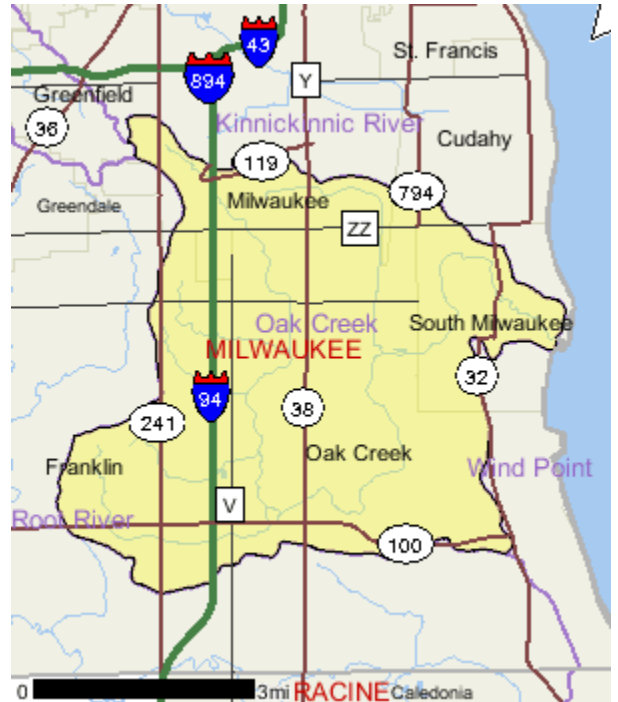
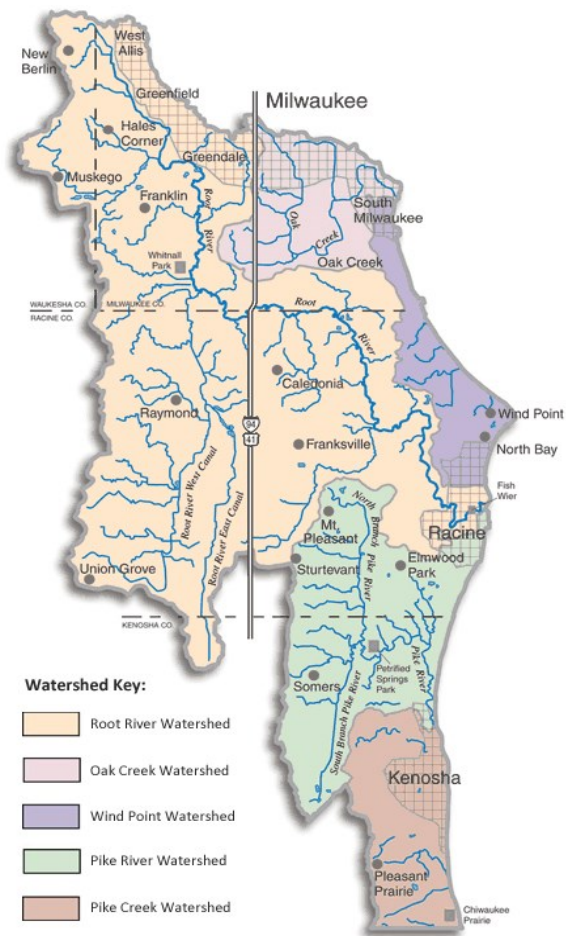
Hours of operation for SDS are Tuesday and Friday, 11:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.. Please do not add leaf piles into the gutter after November 15th, as the City may not be able

South Milwaukee Veterans Day

South Milwaukee Veterans Day event will be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at the South Milwaukee War Memorial.

PROJECT CONSTRUCTION – 5th Avenue Storm Sewer Construction – Beginning September 25th

The City of South Milwaukee has contracted for installation of a 48" diameter storm sewer to replace a deteriorating box culvert built in the early 1900's that crosses 5th Avenue, just north of Drexel Boulevard. To complete the work, 5th Avenue will be closed to thru traffic between Drexel Boulevard and Manistique Avenue beginning on Tuesday October 3rd. 5th Avenue will be detoured to Manistique Avenue and Drexel Boulevard to 8th Avenue. Signs will be posted along the detour route. The City anticipates a 4 week closure to complete the storm sewer installation and pavement replacement. Parking restrictions may be installed along the route. [Click here for more information.](#)



Oak Creek Watershed Restoration Survey

open until 11/15/17

An online survey for the Oak Creek Watershed Restoration Plan effort is now open for stakeholder input. The purpose is to gather information from all interested parties on how they use the Oak Creek watershed, where they see concerns, and what they think the priorities are for improving the watershed.

The survey can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/OakCreekWatershed>.

The link will also be available shortly on our website on the project webpage (<http://www.sewrpc.org/SEWRPC/Environment/Restoration-Plan-Oak-Creek-Watershed.htm>).

Light up South Milwaukee: Holiday Lights Awards Program Coming This Season



The Beautification Committee is working on some really cool plans to deck South Milwaukee streets this holiday season. There is one I wanted to let you know about now, so you can prepare — our new holiday lights awards program.

It's going to be called Light up South Milwaukee, and it's simple: We are looking to honor the best holiday lights displays of South Milwaukee homes and businesses.

Winners receive small cash prizes, a yard sign and recognition on the city website and Facebook pages — and be the envy of your block, and city.

Beautification Committee members will judge entries in the following categories:

- Griswold: You light up the whole neighborhood.
- Classical: Traditional decorations from holidays past.
- Themed: You have a running theme happening with your lighted display.

Start planning your display now ... and look for more details soon on how to enter your or another property or three.

Or maybe get your whole block together for a display.

Happy holidays!

Mayor Erik Brooks

(And thanks to Brooklyn, Wis., for [some of the details](#), even if they don't know it.)



Mayor's Notes:

Thank you to everyone who came out and joined us for the 2017 St. Francis Days Parade. We appreciate all the volunteers and participants. I stopped for a photo with the SF Mariner, but I couldn't get him to smile for the photo!

Mark your calendar for St. Francis Night at the Milwaukee Admirals hockey game, Saturday February 3, 2018. Individuals can order tickets using the Admirals new App or online at (<https://www.fevo.com/edp/St-Francis-Night-with-the-Admirals-featuring-the-UWBadger-Band-PFUvAiIN>).



A charity corn roast, baked potato, and chili tasting was held October 1st during our annual Fall Harvest & Heritage Open House at the Civic Center. Funds were donated for a UTV for the Police Department. The Department will use the vehicle for special needs in regards to security and rescue. Thank you to the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association and Badger Corn for their sponsorship of this event. The chili mix is on sale in the Fire Department for \$5.

I invite you to keep up on events in our City and with our City businesses on the Lakeside Pride website (www.saintfrancis53235.com), and also remember to email events for the calendar from your group, school, or church.

Mayor CoryAnn St. Marie-Carls



Just a reminder to get your flu shot! Flu season is just around the corner. Influenza vaccine is usually given without charge through your health insurance.



ST. FRANCIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

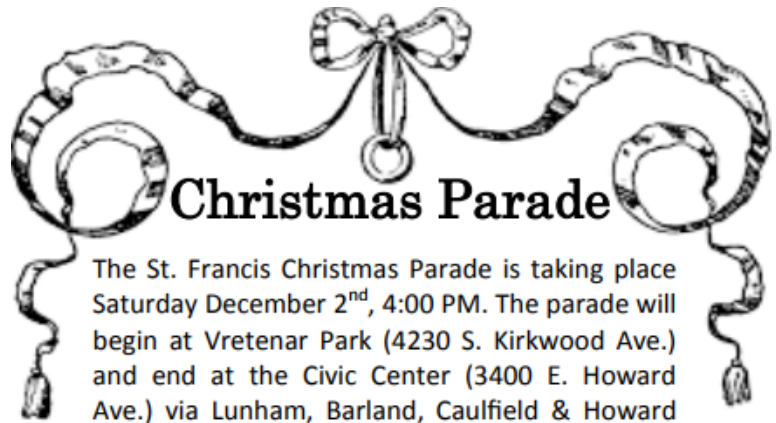
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FALL INTO A PROGRAM AT THE LIBRARY!

- FOR KIDS: Storytimes, Lego Club, and Mid Kid Makers
- FOR TEENS: Anime Club, Candy Sushi, and Perler Beading
- FOR ADULTS: Computer Classes, Book Clubs, and Friday Movie Matinees.

Check out our website at
www.stfrancislibrary.org



Christmas Parade

The St. Francis Christmas Parade is taking place Saturday December 2nd, 4:00 PM. The parade will begin at Vretenar Park (4230 S. Kirkwood Ave.) and end at the Civic Center (3400 E. Howard Ave.) via Lunham, Barland, Caulfield & Howard Avenues.

Join the fun and build a float or walk with us! Call Roberta, Parade Coordinator at (414) 698-7797. Join us for free holiday treats, singing and entertainment, and a tree lighting at the SF Fire Department in the Civic Center following the parade.

FALL LEAF PICK UP:

Fall leaf pick up by the City began September 25th. The last day for leaf pick up will be November 27th. The leaves are collected citywide beginning on one side of the City and working towards the opposite side. It takes about one week during peak collection to make one trip throughout the City. Please place only leaves in the gutter; branches and garden waste are not permitted.

Recycling Center Winter Hours:

Winter hours begin November 1st and end March 1st.

Monday - 4:00-6:00 PM

Wednesday - Closed

Saturday - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM



2017 Fall Craft & Vendor Fair

WHEN: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4
 9AM - 4 PM

WHERE: CUDAHY FAMILY LIBRARY
 3500 LIBRARY DRIVE

Your favorite products and crafts in one place. Food will be provided by the Cudahy High School Class of 2008 Reunion.

Visit all of our vendors & enter a FREE DRAWING
for a \$100 VISA gift card.



THIS EVENT IS SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE CUDAHY LIBRARY,
BENEFITING THE CUDAHY LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND.

City of Cudahy Common Council finishes Finance Committee Work on 2018 Proposed Budget

On the evenings of October 3rd, 5th and 9th, the Finance Committee and the Common Council of the City of Cudahy reviewed, approved, sent off for publication and scheduled a Public Hearing for the 2018 Municipal City Budget. Under state imposed levy limits, unfunded mandates, and a problem identified in May of 2017 with a payment loss from the State Expenditure Restraint Program, the Mayor and Common Council were able to come up with a municipal budget that preserves core services.

In mid-May 2017, the Office of the Mayor and later, the common council, learned of a mistake made within our Finance Department causing the city to lose \$342,000 in state shared revenue under the Expenditure Restraint Programs. The options presented to the Finance Committee on the evening of June 6th were to eliminate \$255,000 in expenses that would cut services, and would not bring the payments back for 2018. The Council at that time approved the use of unapplied fund balance, or surplus revenue funds to cover that budget gap in 2018.

The ability of the city to raise property taxes is controlled by the rate of net new construction, tax levy limits, and the expenditure restraint program. Going into the 2018 budget, less a \$23,201 increase to pay our long term debt, the Council was only allowed to raise the overall tax levy by \$56,800 in the General Fund, Library Fund, and Roads and Equipment Fund. The impact of that overall city tax increase on a \$150,000 typical Cudahy home for the city tax rate portion is an increase of \$10.50 more per year in city taxes.

Compounding the problems, are the unfunded mandates from Milwaukee County for the increase in cost of Police and Fire Radios and an amendment to the Paramedic Service Contract for software in the amount of \$19,709. Had we not done this, we'd no longer have paramedic services after December 31, 2018. That means, of the largest allowable tax levy increase under state law, 35% of our levy increase is being paid to Milwaukee County and doesn't provide additional services to our residents.

On the evening of October 9, 2017, the Common Council passed two budgets which will be published and considered at the Public Hearing on the evening of Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 7 pm. The first budget, which could potentially restore two of the three vacant positions, will require some transferring of funds to a new fund, which will require approval of the Wisconsin Department of Revenue (D.O.R). The second budget attempts to preserve core services and non-essential services, while eliminating three currently vacant positions. As of this time, the D.O.R. was not able to provide a definitive determination to the city on this option. The Office of the Mayor will work with the D.O.R. Administration prior to the community public hearing.

"I truly appreciate the Council and Management Team working together collectively with this very challenging 2018 budget", stated Mayor John Hohenfeldt. "Our residents continue to demand more or better services from all departments, yet the constraints put upon local government by the State of Wisconsin continue to stress an already fragile system to the breaking point. Cudahy is not alone. Other communities in Milwaukee County are in the same situation. This problem will never go away. Unfortunately, residents will suffer in the end," Hohenfeldt concluded.

The Public Hearing for final adoption of the 2018 City of Cudahy Budget will be held on the evening of Tuesday November 21, 2017 at 7 pm. The Public Hearing will be before the Common Council at Cudahy City Hall, located at 5050 South Lake Drive. Questions about this release can be addressed to:

Office of the Mayor John R. Hohenfeldt

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